

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2646

To amend the sugar price support program in the Agricultural Act of 1949 to provide for a additional assessment with respect to raw cane sugar produced in the Everglades agricultural area in the State of Florida to finance land acquisition projects for the restoration of the Florida Everglades.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 1995

Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. GILCHREST) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. MARKETING ASSESSMENT ON FLORIDA RAW**
2 **CANE SUGAR TO PROMOTE RESTORATION OF**
3 **FLORIDA EVERGLADES.**

4 Section 206 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C.
5 1446g) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
7 section (k); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the follow-
9 ing new subsection:

10 “(j) EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ASSESS-
11 MENT.—

12 “(1) ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT.—In addition to
13 the assessment required under subsection (i), the
14 first processor of raw cane sugar processed from
15 sugarcane grown in the Everglades agricultural area
16 in the State of Florida or from sugarcane molasses
17 derived from such sugarcane shall remit to the Com-
18 modity Credit Corporation a nonrefundable market-
19 ing assessment in an amount equal to 2 cents per
20 pound of such raw cane sugar. Paragraphs (3), (4),
21 and (5) of subsection (i) shall apply to the assess-
22 ment required by this subsection.

23 “(2) ACCOUNT.—Funds collected under para-
24 graph (1) shall be deposited in an account (to be
25 known as the “Everglades Agricultural Area Ac-

count”, which shall remain available to the Secretary of Agriculture until expended.

“(3) USE OF ACCOUNT.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall use amounts in the account to make grants to the South Florida Water Management District or other appropriate entity for the purpose of—

“(A) assisting the State of Florida in purchasing agricultural lands in the Everglades agricultural area suitable for use in the restoration of the Florida Everglades; and

“(B) making modifications to such purchased lands designed to improve water storage and delivery.

“(4) PERIOD FOR ASSESSMENT.—The assessment required by this subsection shall apply to raw cane sugar processed from sugarcane grown in the Everglades agricultural area and marketed during the 1996 through 2000 fiscal years, except that the Secretary shall terminate the assessment if the provision of price support for sugar beets and sugarcane is terminated or prohibited.

“(5) EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA.—The Secretary shall determine the extent of the Everglades agricultural area in the State of Florida.”.

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